



ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –Year A Sunday 23rd July 2017

St James' Church.

2 Woolley Street,
Glebe

Weekday Masses

Wednesday &
Friday: 9am
Sat: 8.30am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
5pm (Standard Time)
Sunday: 9.30am
(Tongan Choir: 4th Sunday)

Confession (Reconciliation)

Saturday at 5pm (St. James)

Baptisms

2nd Sunday of the month at
12.15pm. Bookings required.

St Bede's Church

43 Pymont Street,
Pymont

Sunday Mass Times

8am and 11am

Baptisms

3rd Sunday of the month at
12.00 noon. Bookings required.

Sacramental Dates for 2017:

Confirmation: 7pm, Friday 10th November

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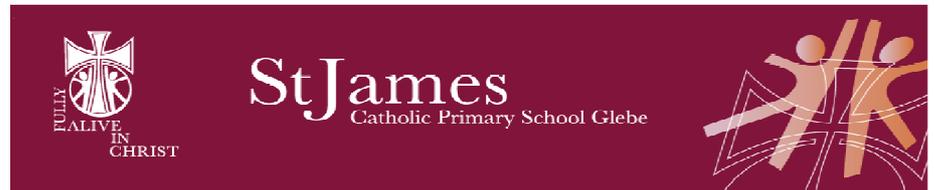
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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.



PLAYGROUP



Thursday
morning at
9.30am in the
school hall for
children three
years and
younger

Ann Wark—Book Launch

Sunday 30th July

*Journal of a voyage to Australia 1855-56 by Myles Athy,
a recruit for St Mary's Monastery, Sydney.*

To be launched on Sunday 30 July, 2017 at 3pm at
St James Church, Glebe.

All Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend.

NOTICES

ST JAMES WALK—SUNDAY 30TH JULY

The parents of St James Primary School have organised a walkathon to raise money for air conditioning for the school. St James Primary School Walk will be on Sunday, 30th July from 11.00am - leaving from the school. The walk is the school's major fundraiser for the year. We extend an invitation to parishioners and their families to join our school community on the walk. Please see link to our sponsorship page: <https://www.mycause.com.au/events/stjamesfamilywalk>

YOUR VOCATION CAN PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL POVERTY

Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can **join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience** starting on **September 24th**. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also call Roger during business hours on **02 9560 5333** or email palms@palms.org.au.

WEEKEND RETREAT 4TH AUGUST 2017: GREGORIAN CHANT

Come and experience the beauty & spiritually uplifting sound of Gregorian Chant ... one of the foundations of all Western European music. This sacred oral music can be traced back to the Jewish chant at the time of Christ.

Weekend retreat: Gregorian Chant, Presenter: Mr Tony Vaughan,
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566,

When: Aug 4 – Aug 6,

Cost: \$230 (concessions apply)

Contacts: Ph: 02 8795 3400 or email retreats@carmelite.com website: www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We value the contribution that our volunteers make but more are needed to assist us from time to time. Our volunteers help us with the mailing of appeals and notices about our pilgrimages and special events as well as other duties. Please phone Amanda on 1800 753 959 or email fundraising@sydneycatholic.org for more information.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, see our website www.acyf.org.au

ST JAMES PLAYGROUP & STORYTIME

St James will be running a playgroup for children three years and younger each Thursday morning 9.30am in the school hall from Thursday 20th July and Storytime in our school library for children three years and older from Tuesday 18th July at 9.00am. Parishioners, friends and children are invited to join the Parish school community in these new initiatives. Please phone the school office 96920870 for details.

CATHOLICCARE..... SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF SYDNEY FOR 75 YEARS

CatholicCare services assist people to live and thrive at every age. Our in-home ageing services provide domestic and social support and full Home Care Packages to help ageing people live independently at home.

To find out more call **13 18 19**, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org

CAMELOT MUSICAL

Artes Christi is delighted to present one of the world's most loved (but rarely performed) musicals, Lerner & Loewe's CAMELOT starring acclaimed film, TV & stage actor Donald Macdonald (Merlyn) alongside Paul McLeod (Arthur), Emily Potts (Guenevere) and a cast & live orchestra of 75. From the writers of My Fair Lady, this Tony Award Winning musical brings to life all the romance, pageantry and intrigue of King Arthur and his legendary Medieval Kingdom with this production of CAMELOT proudly supporting Ephpheta, the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Shows: 18-20 August; Seymour Centre TIX from \$35, Ph 9351 7940 or www.camelot2017.com

Readers for next Sunday, 30th July 2017

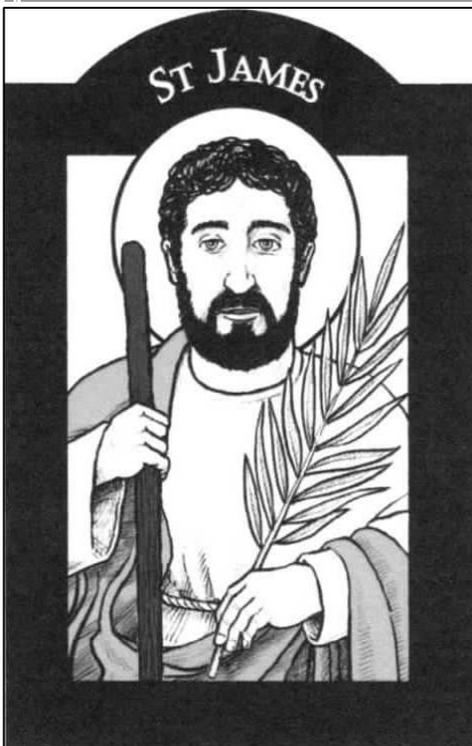
	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Ron Gattone	Margaret Cody	Judy Fitzpatrick
Second Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	John O'Meally	Kerry Dealy	Finola McMahon

Please pray for the sick:

Gillian Ellis, June Ebert, Debbie Julius, Hazel Spratt, Archbishop Anthony, Fran Campisi, Irene Malin, Meryl Tapsell, Fr. Michael Walsh, Allan Hoad, Aziz Latif, Bp Geoffrey Robinson, Kate Mara, Leslee Hoad-Mara, Lee Tillam, Noreen Hayes, Kay White, family members, parishioners, friends.

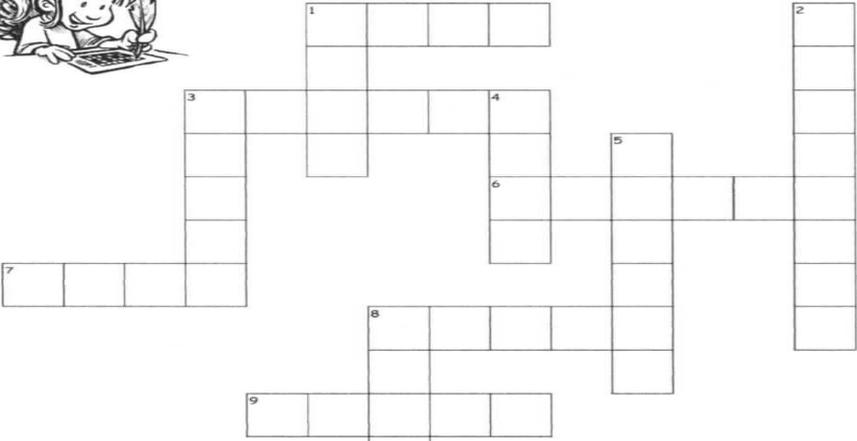
Please pray for the deceased:

Sr Margaret Prendergast sgs, Stephen Davidson, Monica Turner (McNally), Joan Lovegrove, Edward Pearce, Catalina De'Vea, Richard Van Kirk, Martin Keane, Barry Lynam, Aida Cabal San Buenaventura, Noelene Reddie, Barry Sonter, Fr. Frank Furfaro, Mary Loh, Hazel O'Connor, Ken Owens, Pam Mara, Geof Gale, Bill Donnelly, Peter Walsh, Terrie McCabe, Adife Cetin, Graeme Blackburn, Sam Tinman, Georgia Hoad, Maria Lo, Rosie White, Petra Seranilla, Benedicto Zamora, Dr Lucy Landia, Eric Russell-Smith, Betty Rowswell, Laurie Zammit, Tom Gibbons, Mick Kennedy, Allan White, Phil Garde, Sean & Pat Flanagan, Frank & Melina Galluzo, O'Connor family members & all the faithful departed Parishioners.





CROSSWORD



Down

- 1: a farmer stores wheat in one of these
- 2: the weed seeds were scattered while everyone was doing this
- 3: Jesus told the parable about the farmer's enemy who scattered weed seeds in the _____
- 4: what we call fruit when it is ready to eat
- 5: these grow from seeds
- 8: a type of plant that grows wildly and chokes other plants

Across

- 1: what you do to wood to make a fire
- 3: someone who has a farm
- 6: the farmer did not want the servants to _____ the weeds. (two words)
- 7: kind, nice
- 8: the good seeds grew into this type of plant
- 9: someone who is not your friend

St James was the son of Zebedee and the brother of John the apostle. He was a fisherman from Galilee who became known as James "the Greater" to distinguish him from the other apostle James "the Less", son of Alphaeus. Jesus called James and John the "sons of thunder", most likely in reference to their quick tempers. Along with Peter, James and John were among Jesus' closest friends and they were chosen to be witnesses to the Transfiguration and his agony in the garden. After Christ's death, James became the first apostle to be martyred when he was put to the sword by King Herod Agrippa I.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven & earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect Sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

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